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# Cornell's Entomology Department at Geneva Receives Generous Gift

By Joe Ogradnick

**GENEVA, NY:** The Entomology Department at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (NYSAES) in Geneva, NY, has received an endowment in excess of \$400,000 for graduate students in the department. The gift was bequeathed to the Paul J. Chapman graduate fellowship fund by Mary F. Lienk, wife of Cornell University entomologist Siegfried E. Lienk. Mrs. Lienk made the gift in memory of her husband, who died in 1988.

Former NYSAES director James Hunter made the announcement on the occasion of the naming of Mark Sarvary as the 2003 Chapman Fellowship winner [[see related press release](#)]. The Chapman Fellowship was established by Paul J. Chapman in 1992. By example and encouragement, Chapman set the highest goals for the department's basic and applied research programs.

Siegfried Lienk had a productive career as an entomologist from 1949 to 1983, and collaborated regularly with Chapman for 38 years on the biology and control of tree fruit pests. One significant project resulting from this partnership was a study to determine the flight periods of large species of moths in the Geneva, NY area using black light traps. Over 600 species were identified during the five-year study. The data helped determine when control measures should be used for species of economic importance.

The two also conducted a project to update the number of native species that had adopted the apple as a host plant in North America. Species found feeding on apple were classified as using it as a primary, secondary, or accidental host. From this study, a number of potential new apple pests were identified, and a book published by the Experiment Station, entitled Tortricid Fauna of Apple of New York.

"Mary Lienk was a delightful and very generous person," Hunter said. "Everyone who knew her thought very highly of her and loved her. I'm sure that the department will put this money to good use in helping future entomologists."

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Siegfried Lienk

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